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SUBJECT: PROPOSED PROTEST OF IMPENDING MASSIVE RENT IN-
CREASES - WARSAW.

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1. BECAUSE OF THE HIGH RENTS THE BRITISH WERE CHARGED FOR FIVE RESIDENCES, WHICH INCLUDED THE COM RESIDENCE, THEY REFUSED TO MAKE FULL PAYMENT REQUESTED FOR APPROXIMATELY FOUR YEARS. THE PAYMENTS THEY WERE MAKING WERE WHAT THEY THOUGHT THE PROPERTIES WERE WORTH. AFTER CONSIDERABLE NEGOTIATION WHICH INCLUDED THE EQUIVALENT OF AN FBO REPRESENTATIVE FROM LONDON, THE GDR FINALLY AGREED TO REDUCE THE RENTS ON THESE FIVE PROPERTIES. AT ONE TIME AFTER NEGOTIATIONS WERE COMPLETED THE DLA, WHICH IS THE GDR COUNTERPART OF UPDK OR PUMA, THREATENED TO CUT OFF ALL SERVICES TO THESE PROPERTIES IF RENTS WERE NOT PAID. THEY WERE AT FAULT, HOWEVER, AS THEY DID NOT PROVIDE CERTAIN INFORMATION THE BRITISH REQUIRED PRIOR TO THEIR MAKING PAYMENT AND THE THREAT WAS NOT CARRIED OUT.

2. MAJORITY OF DIPLOMATIC CORPS RESIDE IN AN APARTMENT
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BUILDING COMPLEX SITUATED ON LEIPZIGERSTRASSE. RENTS ARE CONSIDERED HIGH. THE FOLLOWING ARE AVERAGE ANNUAL RENTS LEVIED AGAINST DIPLOMATS FROM THE WEST FOR TYPES OF UNITS INCLUDING HEAT. THREE ROOM UNIT - \$5,087.00, FOUR ROOM UNIT - \$6,370.00, SIX ROOM UNIT - \$10,550.00. NO INFORMATION IS AVAILABLE AS TO RENTS BEING PAID FOR UNITS LISTED BY DIPLOMATS FROM EAST BLOC COUNTRIES. IN CALENDAR YEAR

1977, THE EMBASSY LEASED A FOUR ROOM UNIT AT AN INCREASED COST OF \$7,170.00, A SIX ROOM UNIT WAS INCREASED TO \$12,660.00.

3. THE GDR EXTENDED ALL EXISTING LEASES FOR LIVING ACCOMMODATIONS ONLY THROUGH DECEMBER 31, 1978. NO FURTHER EXTENSIONS WOULD BE GRANTED, WITH THE ONLY EXPLANATION, AND THAT THROUGH IMPLICATION, THAT ALL EXISTING LEASES WOULD HAVE TO BE RENEGOTIATED PRIOR TO EXPIRATION. THE EMBASSY FEELS THAT THESE LEASES WILL BE INCREASED TO AT LEAST THE COST CHARGED FOR THE FOUR AND SIX ROOM UNITS LEASED IN 1977, IF NOT HIGHER. BOLEN

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